

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended. Claims 18 and 23 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-17 and 19-22 are presented for examination.

Notice of Abandonment

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on September 29, 2004, applicants include a Petition to Revive an unintentionally abandoned application under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), along with the required fee, with this response.

Election/Restrictions

Applicants affirm the election to prosecute the invention of Group 1, claims 1-22. This election was provisionally made without traverse during a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Kerry Tweet on 9/21/2003. Claim 23 is cancelled.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection

Claims 1-7, 9, 12, 14, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Michels et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6,161,144). Applicants submit that the present claims are patentable over Michels.

Applicants submit that the present claims should be allowed because a limitation in previous claim 18, which the Examiner indicated as allowable, is present in all independent claims, 1, 7, 12, and 17, as amended herein. Claim 18, now cancelled, recited “using the packet resource to generate a packet response based on the packet request.” This limitation

was originally recited in independent claims 7 and 12, and is now recited in amended independent claims 1 and 17. Therefore, as subject matter that the Examiner has indicated as allowable is located in all independent claims, 1, 7, 12, and 17, the present claims should be allowed.

Claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-16, and 19-22 depend from claims 1, 7, 12, and 17, respectively, and include additional limitations. Therefore, claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-16, and 19-22 are also patentable over Michels.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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